GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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EXPORT OF EDIBLE OIL
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity of edible oil earmarked for import during the financial year, both country-wise and category-wise;

(b) whether the domestic production is short of requirement; and

(c) if so, the steps proposed to improve production and check exports in view of domestic requirement?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (S SREENIVASA PRASAD)

(a): The import of edible oils is under Open General Licence (OGL). Presently, there is no proposal to import edible oil on Government account.

(b): Yes, Sir.

(c): Some of the steps taken are as under:-

(i) A Technology Mission on Oilseeds is in place to harness appropriate production processing and management technology.

(ii) Increasing the areas under non-traditional oilseeds crops, like soyabean and sunflower and exploitation of oilseeds of tree and forest origin, rice bran etc.

(iii) Better incentives to producers through fixation of Minimum Support Price (MSP).

Negligible quantities are exported due to stiff international competition.